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# CONGRATULATIONS HAPPY LIFE GARDENS



Congratulations to Eddie and Melissa Maxwell, owners of Evans's very own Happy Life Gardens for being voted as the Best Nursery/Greenhouse 2014 by the Greeley Tribune for their Best of Greeley segment! We're proud to have you in our community!

## BOARD OPENINGS

We are looking for proud Evans residents to join the Evans team and apply for a position on one of our City Boards. The responsibilities and requirements vary by board. A full description is provided on the City website. If you are interested in being part of one of the following boards, click on it to follow a link with a full description and application.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
**Water and Sewer Board**

## WEBSITE CHANGES

If you have visited our website recently, you may have noticed that we have made a few changes. While some of the improvements we are working on are still under construction, we are excited about the progress we have made so far.

If you look under our departments tab on the home page, we have added a “**Water**” section. We have added this section to make the changes and improvements to the Water, Wastewater, and Storm Water systems and rates. We have also created the email account, [Water@EvansColorado.gov](mailto:Water@EvansColorado.gov) to provide transparency about any of these services. We encourage anyone with questions to contact us through this email address to receive accurate and updated information from the people most directly involved with these systems.

You may have also noticed that the “Community Development” department has been split into “**Planning/Zoning**” and “**Code Enforcement**.” This change was made to make the services provided by the original “Community Development” department more clear to the public. Under the “Planning/Zoning” section of our website, users can find maps, documents, and forms related to the City Planning and Zoning process. The new “Code Enforcement” section of our website, allows residents to report code violations, as well as recognize and allow residents to nominate their neighbors for the “Yard of the Month” award. This section also provides information about the City Code as it relates to property maintenance and will hopefully be expanding to share resources for maintaining properties and opportunities to volunteer with local groups that are making a difference in the community.

## EVANS MURAL



A huge thank you goes out to the “Make Today Count” campaign for helping to make us a Better-Than-Ever-Evans!!!

Visit City Park at the corner of Golden St. & 40<sup>th</sup> St. to see the beautiful mural painted on our equipment shed.



Click the logo below to visit the “Make Today Count” website and learn more about the campaign and how you can help!



# SELF CARE

As the One-Year Anniversary of the September 2013 flooding approaches, it is critical to remember that everyone experiences anniversaries differently. An increase in distress around the anniversary of a traumatic event is commonly known as an “anniversary reaction,” and can cause different reactions for everyone. An anniversary reaction can occur because the date of the original trauma or a “trigger event” activates a traumatic memory.

Examples of trigger events include:

- Media accounts of the anniversary
- Seasonal changes that remind survivors of the disaster
- Personal losses associated with the disaster

It is common for people who were personally affected to experience grief, anger, guilt, frustration, restlessness, and sadness around the anniversary of traumatic events, like the September 2013 flooding. However, some survivors experience opportunities for remembrance, reflection, and increased desire for connection with other survivors.

One of the most important things that survivors can work toward is the idea of resiliency. Resiliency is a person's ability to overcome trauma and other life challenges and be stronger for it. Here are ten ways to improve resiliency:

- Make connections
- Avoid seeing crises as insurmountable problems
- Accept changes as part of living
- Move toward your goals
- Take decisive actions
- Look for opportunities for self-discovery
- Nurture a positive view of yourself
- Keep things in perspective
- Maintain a hopeful outlook
- Take care of yourself

Remember to practice good self-care, and if you need help, remember to ask for it. Colorado Spirit will be available until December 30, 2014 to talk and provide emotional support. Call our office (970-347-2398), email us (coloradospiritweld@gmail.com), and check out our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/coloradospiritweld).

# METER REPLACEMENT

The City of Evans is expediting the meter replacement program, which will improve the efficiency and accuracy of our meter reads. A grant has been secured to complete these efforts. The goal is to complete this project by the spring of 2015. Additional information on this project will be available in the near future on the City of Evans website.

# NOW HIRING

If you are looking for a job, there are several positions available, right here with the City of Evans. The job openings accommodate a wide range of skill sets and experience levels. If you are interested in joining the team, click the button below to view our openings!

# CITY FINANCE

To see the latest Sales Tax Update Newsletter, [click here.](#)

# SHOP LOCAL

Monitor our website, Facebook, and Twitter Pages for more information as our Shop Local campaign rolls out this fall!



# GRAND OPENING

## Grand OPENING RIVERSIDE LIBRARY & CULTURAL CENTER

3700 Golden Street, Evans

*Saturday, October 18, 2014*  
*10:00 am - 2:00 pm*

*Please join us for*

- Opening Ceremony
- Tours
- Entertainment
- Refreshments
- Giveaways

 **high plains**  
Library District

 **City of  
Evans, Colorado**



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

1100 37<sup>th</sup> St. Evans, CO • Office: (970) 475-2441 • Non-Emergency Afterhours: (970) 356-1212 (Opt. #4)

## National Prescription Drug Take-Back

**Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**10:00 am-2:00 pm**

**Sam's Club Parking Lot**

**(3247 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave.)**

Evans Police and Evans Fire District have partnered with Sam's Club to host the semi-annual safety event!

There is no limit to the amount of prescription drugs that will be accepted. Medications to discard need to be in some type of container.

The following will not be accepted: Needles, Sharps, Mercury, Oxygen Containers, Chemotherapy/Radioactive Substances, Pressurized Canisters, and Illicit Drugs.

\*There will NOT be document shredding at this event. We apologize for the inconvenience.

# FIRE DISTRICT

Firefighter Brian Lee was promoted to Captain at a ceremony on August 25th, where he received his badge and bugles from his wife, Beth, and sons, Benji and Nick. Brian joined Evans Fire in 2006 after a career in public education. He was instrumental in structuring the SCBA maintenance program and developing a long-term SCBA replacement and management plan. Captain Lee will continue to serve as the District Chaplain. Firefighter Troy Brown was promoted from part-time firefighter to full-time firefighter to fill the vacancy left by Lee.

# EVANS RECREATION

Monday-Thursday 5:30am-9:00pm • Friday 5:30am-7:00pm • Saturday and Sunday 8:00am-12:00pm

**(970) 475-1125**

## Young at Heart...

If you need a little structure and challenge to your workout, check out our Silver Sneakers classes.

Classes are held:

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00-10:00

\$16 for 1/day per week, 6-week session

OR, \$3 drop-in fee per class.

## For the Children!

Get the kids on their feet and active! There are several opportunities for kids of all ages. Click [HERE](#) to search for open sections of any of the following classes.

Extreme Basketball

3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Registration: September 22<sup>nd</sup>-October 26<sup>th</sup>

\$40 for the Program

\$15 for the Jersey

Purchase of a jersey is only necessary if the child doesn't already have one.

## Searching for Instructors

We need dance and fitness instructors! If you have any experience, apply for a part-time position, today! Follow the links below!

[Youth Sports Instructor](#)

## Host Your Event Here!

Planning an event? Need a space to hold it? Check out our room and pavillion rentals!

[Click here to see our Room Rentals](#)

[Click here to see our Pavillion Rentals](#)





# EVANSFEST

September 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am-2:00 pm

City Park

(Corner of 39<sup>th</sup> St. & Golden)

Come out for a day of family fun and community celebration!

[www.EvansFest.org](http://www.EvansFest.org)

Start your day at 8 am with steak or carnita burritos from Palomino Mexican Restaurant or a big cinnamon roll from Schwartz's Krautburger Kitchen. The EvansFest parade complete with floats, marching bands, cars and lots of kids starts at 10:00 at the old Evans Fire Station, heads south and winds its way back around City Park. There you'll find lots of vendor booths, food booths and beer, water and soda. There are kids' games and entertainment, and a variety of continuous live music to keep everyone's toes tapping.

## ONE YEAR FLOOD ANNIVERSARY

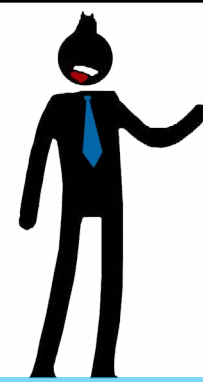
September 13<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am-2:00 pm

Riverside Park

(Corner of 42<sup>nd</sup> St. & Golden)

The event will begin with a ribbon cutting celebrating the partial re-opening of Riverside Park followed by ceremonial tree planting. The City will have fun activities such as DIY planter painting, Port-a-Potty Decorating, and balls, hula-hoops, and frisbees for open play, and information stations about the flood affected areas in Evans. There will also be free popcorn provided by the City, free kids fishing poles provided by the Colorado Department of Wildlife (remember that anyone over the age of 16 must have a fishing license to fish), and Emergency Notification Sign-ups offered by the Weld County Office of Emergency Management.



# H<sub>2</sub>O h!

A Monthly Educational Update About Your:  
Water • Wastewater • Storm Water Systems



Many changes and improvements are occurring within the City's water, wastewater, and storm water systems. The City of Evans believes that transparency is the best way to encourage an educated, involved, and supportive community. This is the first in a series of mini-newsletters that will be included with your utility bill each month providing you information about the changes to rates, progress of the Wastewater Plant Improvement Project, tips on conservation, and additional educational information. Our goal is to share how the City uses money received by our utility customers to maintain and improve utility services.

We support strong and reliable water, wastewater and storm water systems because they are an important part of a healthy community. For more information and detail on these utility systems go to [www.evanscolorado.gov](http://www.evanscolorado.gov). For questions, please call (970) 475-1170 or email us at [water@evanscolorado.gov](mailto:water@evanscolorado.gov).

### WASTEWATER IN EVANS: THEN & NOW

- The City of Evans has two wastewater treatment facilities.
  - The Evans Wastewater Treatment Facility, located at 1st Avenue and 37th Street was built in the early 1960s and sits in the 100-year floodplain.
  - The second facility is the Hill-N-Park Wastewater Treatment Facility, built in the late 1970s and located at 49th Street and 35th Avenue. The Hill-N-Park facility is not in the floodplain.

- In Evans, our Wastewater system is part of an Enterprise Fund, meaning that it is operated like a business and receives no Tax Revenue. Enterprise Funds are funded through user fees and pays for operating, maintenance, and improvement expenditures.

- The 2014 projected operating loss for Wastewater was \$110,000 (prior to recent rate increases), not including flood response. Flood response costs are approximately \$365,000 that will be funded from our reserves and grants.

- The 2013 flood caused serious damage to the Evans Wastewater Treatment Facility, highlighting the vulnerability of maintaining a treatment facility in a floodplain.

- Until the floodwaters receded and temporary fixes could be made, for eight days most of our residents could not flush their toilets.

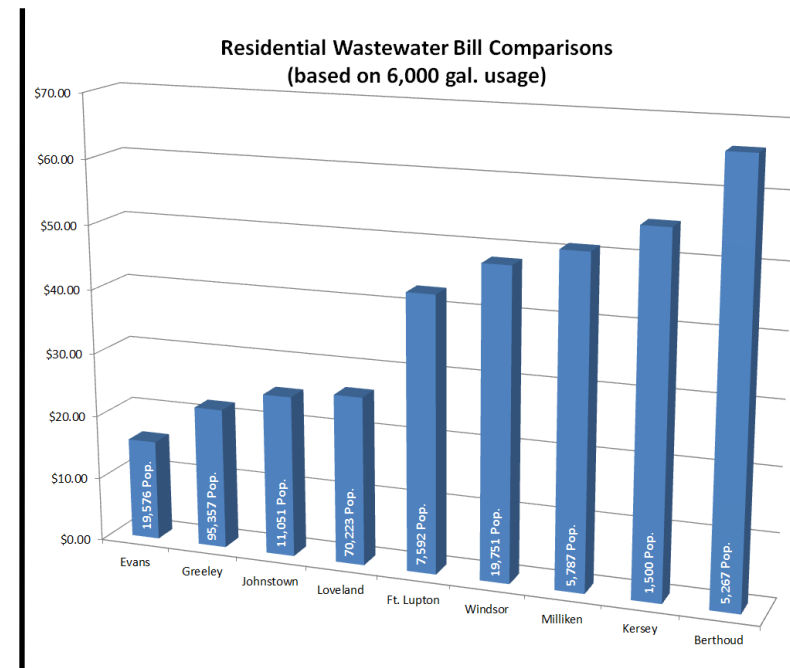
- Aside from the damage rendered from the flood, our wastewater treatment system needs repairs both for long-term functionality and expanded capacity to comply with state requirements.

- The Evans Utility Task Force, the Evans Water and Sewer Board, and City Council have been studying options to develop a reliable and expanded wastewater treatment system in the most financially responsible manner.

- After weighing all the options, the Utility Task Force, the Water and Sewer Board, and City Council believe that consolidating treatment facilities now is the option that will best serve our community.

→ Immediate actions include making repairs to the existing Evans Wastewater Treatment Facility so that it can continue to function reliably while the new additions are being designed and constructed at Hill-N-Park.

→ Simultaneously, the process to design, get necessary approvals and construct a consolidated wastewater treatment facility at Hill-N-Park will begin. New, updated treatment processes will be added to the existing facility to expand treatment capacity while increasing reliability and treated wastewater quality. It is estimated that the consolidated facility work will be completed by 2019.



# CONTACT INFORMATION

# CITY SCHEDULE

All meetings held at

The City of Evans Community Complex

1100 37th Street Evans, Colorado

Call (970) 475-1170 for more information.

Find agendas, minutes and packets online  
by clicking the “City Schedule” Headline, above.

City Council Work Sessions

First and Third Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

City Council Meetings

First and Third Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

Planning Commission

Fourth Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Economic Development Advisory Council

Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Parks and Recreation Commission

First Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Water and Sewer Board

Third Thursday at 3:30 pm

SBDC Small Business Counseling

Third Thursday of each month

Recovery and Redevelopment Task Force

Second and Fourth Thursday of each month

Evans Fire District Board of Directors

Fourth Monday of each month

## SPECIAL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City of Evans Administrative  
Offices will be closed September 1<sup>st</sup>  
in observance of Labor Day.

## Evans

Emergency	911
After Hours Non-Emergency	(970) 356-1212
General Information	(970) 475-1170
Police Department	(970) 339-2441
Building Permits	(970) 475-1120
Building Inspections	(970) 475-2211
Community Development	(970) 475-1112
Engineering/Mapping	(970) 475-1113
Water and Sewer Billing	(970) 475-1170
Recreation Programs	(970) 475-1125
City Council	(970) 475-1104
City Managers Office	(970) 475-1108
City Clerk	(970) 475-1104
Code Enforcement	(970) 475-1115
Court	(970) 475-1170
Evans Cemetery	(970) 475-1104
Business Licenses	(970) 475-1109
Employment	(970) 475-1161
Senior Programs	(970) 475-1131
Pothole Hotline	(970) 475-2281
Fire Prevention/Reports	(970) 475-1118
Stormwater Hotline	(970) 475-2281

## Other Agencies

Evans Area Chamber of Commerce	(970) 330-4204
Small Business Development Center	(970) 352-3661
Upstate Colorado	(970) 356-4565
Greeley/Evans School District	(970) 348-6000
Weld County	(970) 356-4000